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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, PGOV, LA, US

SUBJECT: PROBABLE ASYLUM REQUEST BY LAO CHARGE AT
WASHINGTON

1. LAO CHARGE KHAMSOUK CHANTHADARA HAS INFORMALLY MADE
KNOWN TO U.S. HIS INTENTION TO SEEK ASYLUM IN U.S.
KHAMSOUK APPARENTLY RECEIVED ORDERS YESTERDAY (APRIL 26) TO
RETURN TO LAOS FOR CONSULTATIONS BY MAY FIRST. KHAMSOUK
HAS SAID TO US HE WILL NOT RETURN.

2. KHAMSOUK'S PERSONAL SITUATION IS DIFFICULT; HE, ALONG
WITH THIRD SECRETARY NOUDENG NAKHAVANIT, LIVE IN THE
EMBASSY CHANCERY WITH THEIR FAMILIES, KHAMSOUK HAVING
MOVED IN WHEN HIS SALARY WAS CUT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.
KHAMSOUK ALSO APPEARS BROKE. USG WILL RENDER THE ASSIST-
ANCE NORMALLY GIVEN IN SUCH CASES TO HELP KHAMSOUK AND
HIS FAMILY OVER TRANSITION PERIOD. WE WISH OBVIOUSLY TO
AVOID ANY ACCUSATION THAT THE U.S. ENCOURAGED KHAMSOUK'S
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ACTION.

3. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS ON YOUR
STATUS OR ON OPERATIONS OF EMBASSY. SISCO

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